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MAD OVERSEAS

I've heard that there are many foreign editions of MAD, and that MAD paperback books are published in many languages. I wonder what they look like?

Marty Goldberg
Brookfield, Conn.

GERMAN

Hmmm...
ich fürchte,
ich kann
mich auch
nicht ent-
scheiden!

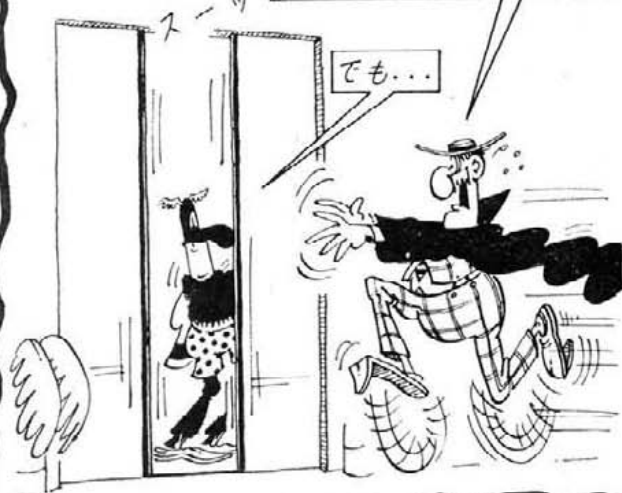
Wie bitte? Der große
Boß, der in der Firma
wichtige Entscheidungen
in Sekundenschnelle trifft,
kann sich zu Hause
nicht entscheiden!?



JAPANESE

ドアを押えておけ。ドドンマン!

でも...



PORTUGUESE

...E SE O TRANSPORTASSE-
MOS, DE VOLTA A SEU PAÍS,
ENTÃO COM SAÚDE, PODE-
RIA PREVENIR-LHES NA CA-
TASTROFE QUE SE APROXI-
MA. PODERIAM DEIXAR O
PLANETA E SE RESTABELE-
CEREM, EM OUTRO LUGAR,
PODERÍAMOS MUDAR O
SEU FUTURO.

TERMI-
NOU?

SIM.

VOCE
ESTA
LOUÇO!



DUTCH



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SWEDISH

Är vi säkra här på tåget, Hack?

Så klart vi är säkra! Ding har inget 50-kort... dom slapper aldrig in honom här!

Ställ ögonblickligen ner tåget, din stora kriminella ap-ligist!

Är det här 42:a gatan? Kan ni släppa av mej vid 42:a gatan?

Gode Gud! Han tänker ryta igen! Jag står inte ut när han ryter...!

Jag förstår dej! Ljudet kan spränga skallen på en!

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REBEL FORCES STEAL THE
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STAR WAR TAKES PLACE**

That rotten,
evil Galactic
Empire ...
killing and
destroying
everything
in sight!!

Wiping out planets
and civilization,
I can almost excuse!
But when they start
picking on poor
defenseless movie
introductions ...

Hey, clue
me in ...
How do we
tell the
GOOD GUYS
from the
BAD GUYS
around
here,
anyway?!

Simple!
The
WHITES
are
BAD!
The
BLACKS
are
GOOD!

Where'd they
get that
idea from,
Ganoomo
Sajo ... the
ruler of Mars?

No, Muhammad
Ali ... the
ruler of Earth!

If us **BAD**
guys are in
WHITE, and
the **GOOD**
guys are in
BLACK ...
what's our
Leader doing
dressed in
Black ...?

You may not
believe this,
but he hasn't
changed his
costume in
20 years! It
started **OUT**
white, but
with all his
dirty work ...

You are now
in my power,
Princess
Laidup!
Return the
plans you
stole, and
I'll make
it worth
your while!

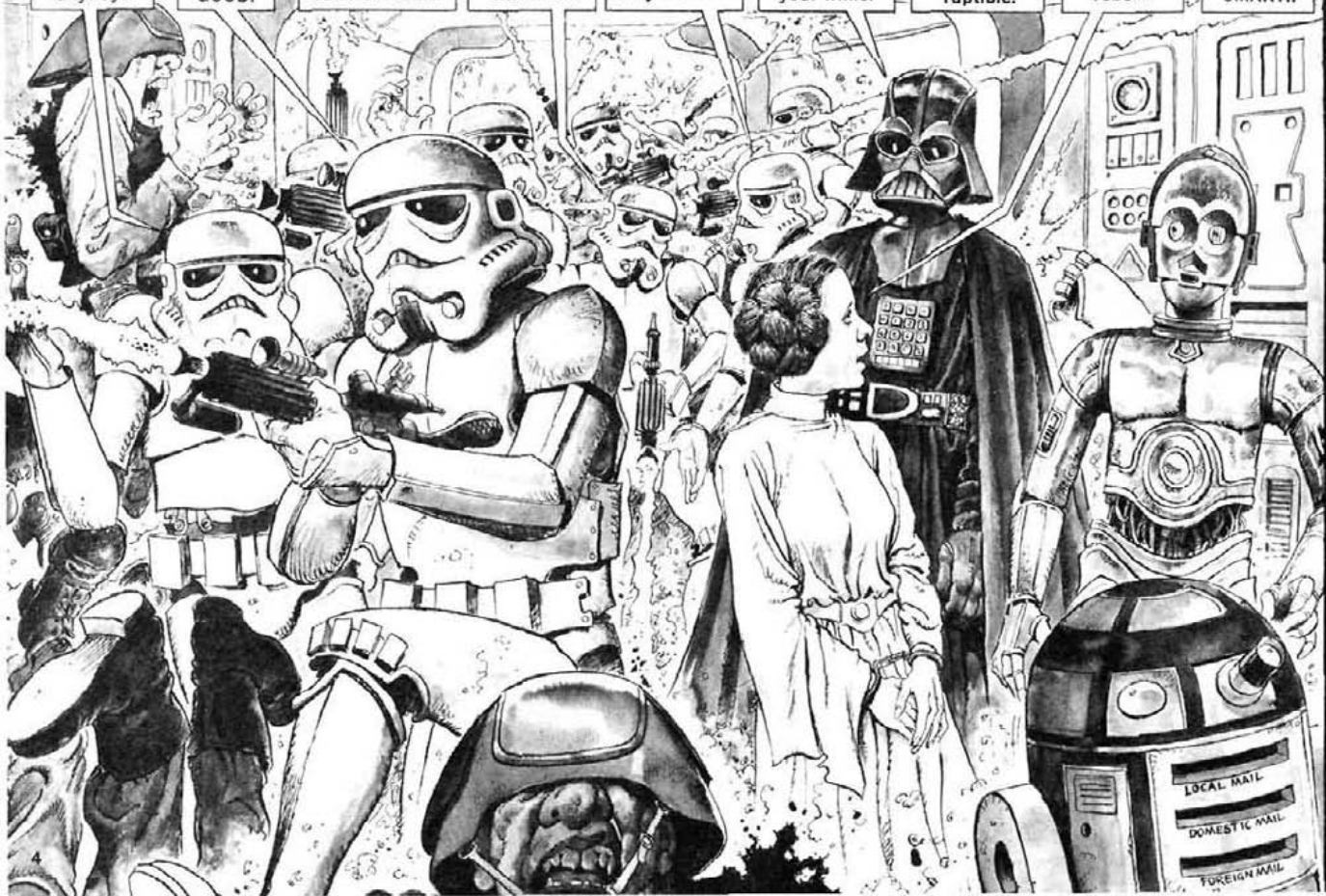
You can't
bribe me,
Zader! You
forget, I'm
fearless
and honest
and decent
and incor-
ruptible!

Come on!
Where are
the plans?

If you
must know,
I gave
them to a
pair of
robots!

You gave
them to
a pair of
ROBOTS?

I
never
said
I was
SMART!!



Incredible! Our ship goes faster than the speed of light, and our guns fire almost as fast as the speed of light!

Yeah . . . so guess what just happened! We shot ourselves down!!

What?! You mean to tell me that the In-Flight Movie is Bugs Bunny chasing the Roadrunner up a hill!?!?

What do you expect on a seven second flight . . . "The Godfather"?

How high up into space would you say this ship goes?

Quiet! I'm about to say a prayer before we go into battle . . .

OUR FATHER WHO ART BELOW US IN HEAVEN—

That high, huh?

Boy, these space ships are noisy!! Maybe that's why they call this movie . . .

STAR ROARS

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL WITH DICK DE BARTOLO

We got away, Bar-Stool! So far, so good! The Princess depends on us! Our mission must not fail!

Beedeep! Boop! Tweet!

TRANSLATION: If we're both robots, Cree-Pio, how come we look—and talk—so different?

Because I happen to be a magnificent, articulate golden Adonis, and you're a sawed-off, incoherent, stupid sack of bolts!

Beedeep! Boop!

TRANSLATION: I knew there had to be a scientific reason for it!

Goodness gracious, this planet simply screams for some—*Je ne sais quoi*—in the way of decor! Still, in some ways, it's a veritable Shangri-La! Take my hand, Bar-Stool . . . I'm a stranger in paradise . . .

Beedeep! Tweet!

TRANSLATION: As if I don't have enough problems, now I'm stuck with a fag robot!

Bar-Stool, we seem to be lost! Oh, dear . . . look what's coming! Fiendish creatures about to tear us limb from limb and commit unspeakable acts of cruelty upon us . . .!

Follow the yellow sand road! Follow the yellow sand road! Follow . . . follow . . . follow . . . follow . . . Follow the yellow sand road!

Beep! Zit! Gack!

TRANSLATION: And then again . . . there's an outside chance they may be Space Munchkins!

Hi, strangers! I'm Lube Sky-stalker! I'm a senior at Buffoon Tech, where I major in Incredible Space Heroics!

Gracious, there couldn't be any money in THAT field!

You're telling me! That's why I'm minoring in Space Accounting! Hey, anyone ever tell you you look like an "Oscar"?!?

Take a good look! With your performance in this film, it's as close as you'll ever get to an Academy Award!

We need help! It's our Princess! She's in terrible trouble! I'm now going to press a button on my companion here, and an image will appear with a message that may mean life or death for the entire universe! Here goes...

Welcome to "Hollywood Squares"!

Whoops! Wrong button! Don't tell me you get THAT thing up here too!

Yep! There's no way you can keep it out!



Ah, here's the Princess now!

Save me, Oldie Von Moldie... wherever you are! You are my only hope! Otherwise, millions of people will be wiped out in a holocaust, the likes of which civilization has never seen!

Is that her whole bit? Just that?

No, actually she closes with a saxophone solo that'll blow your mind! But you get the idea! Lube, you must help us find Oldie Von Moldie!

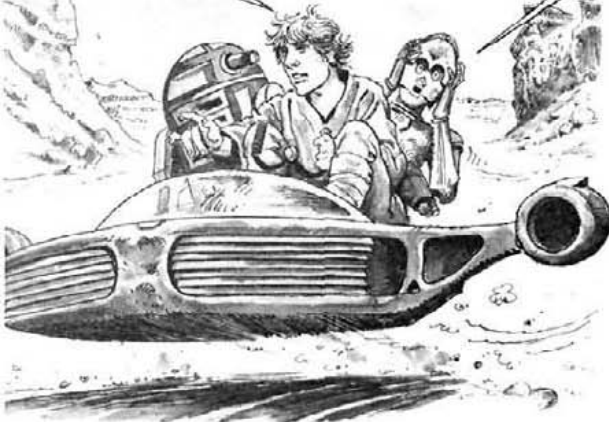
Hop in my space car!



Look! There's Oldie Von Moldie! Many years ago, my Father and he were Military Pilots together! Now, he's 97... he can hardly see... and his hands shake terribly!

What does he do now?

What else? He's a Commercial Airlines Pilot!



Oldie, Princess Laidup is in the hands of that rat, Zader! We haven't a moment to lose!

Eh? What's that? You say you want to go up to my flat later and sing the blues??

He doesn't seem to HEAR too well, either!

In his spare time, he moonlights as a Telephone Operator!



Very well, Lube! We will go into town, find us a space ship and rescue Princess Laidup!

But first, I must teach you about the Force...

The Force? What's that?!

It is a Power that is all around us! It is everywhere at all times! It knows all and sees all! It is eternal!

They have something like that on Earth! It's called "The Internal Revenue Service"!



Hold it! Let me see your I.D.!

He doesn't have to show you his I.D.!

He doesn't have to show me his I.D.!

He can go about his business!

He can go about his business!

Gee, Oldie, how did you do that?

The Force gives you power over weak minds!

The Force gives me power over weak minds!

All right! Drive on!

All right! Drive on!





I can lick any mutant in the joint!

I can't go home, Zfrx! My gargyle doesn't understand me!

Who in heck are you?

Does the name Quasimodo ring a bell?

Funny! This is what I usually see in a bar AFTER I've had a few drinks!

What's so special about this place? It looks like any Singles Bar in any big city on Earth!

I've had too much to drink! I'm seeing weird things!

This bar is FULL of weird things!!

I'm talking about those human forms that just came in! Man, those are WEIRD THINGS!!

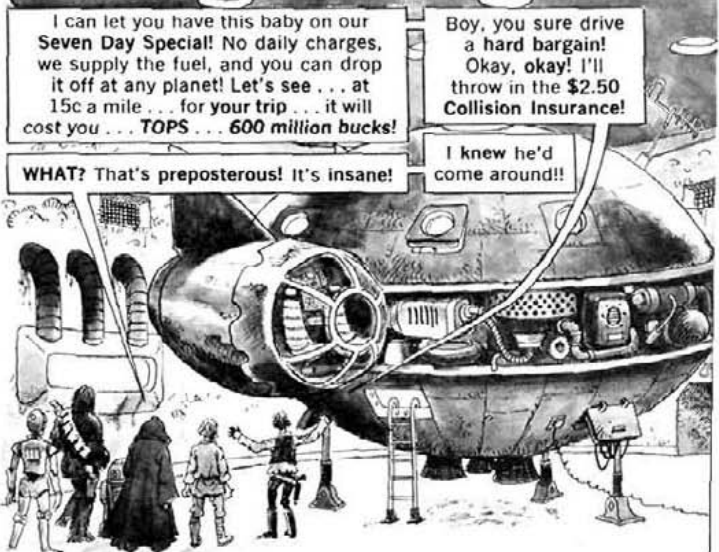


Hi! I'm Ham Yoyo! I understand you guys are looking for a fast space ship to charter!

How fast? 28,000 REPTMS per hour!

How fast is that? More than twice as fast as 11,000 REPTMS per hour!

Wow! That IS fast! Okay... we'll take it!



I can let you have this baby on our Seven Day Special! No daily charges, we supply the fuel, and you can drop it off at any planet! Let's see... at 15c a mile... for your trip... it will cost you... TOPS... 600 million bucks!

Boy, you sure drive a hard bargain! Okay, okay! I'll throw in the \$2.50 Collision Insurance!

WHAT? That's preposterous! It's insane!

I knew he'd come around!!



No, no, Lube! You're looking at the target with your eyes! Try to "see it" with your mind!!

Try hitting it with this face mask covering your eyes! See? You're doing much better!!

But this mask has a little slit in it! I can still see out...!

Seeing with your mind, Lube, also means keeping your mouth shut!!



I hope you guys don't mind my bringing Chewbacca along as my co-pilot!

Wow! This has been one weird trip so far... hasn't it, Oldie?

Well, when someone piloting a ship I'm on starts pounding his chest, climbing the walls and eating bananas, I worry!!

Me too! And there's no telling what the APE is liable to do, either!

Princess Laidup, you are a prisoner aboard the most advanced space ship in history! It has fire power strong enough to wipe out any planet! It has speed enough to wipe out any enemy! And it has a Symphony Orchestra loud enough to wipe out any audience! Now watch as we destroy that planet ahead!

Excuse me, but I'm from the Electric Company . . . and before you wipe out any more planets, you'll have to pay your bill! You owe us \$4 million in back payments, and that's just for YESTERDAY!!

I suddenly feel a sick sensation in my stomach . . . like a million souls crying out in terror! It's . . . an incredible disturbance, I feel . . .

Perhaps the Death Ship has blown up an entire planet . . . ?

Perhaps . . . ! Then again, it might be the radishes I had for lunch . . . !



Look! It's the evil Galactic Empire Death Ship Space Station . . . straight ahead of us!

Let's get out of here!

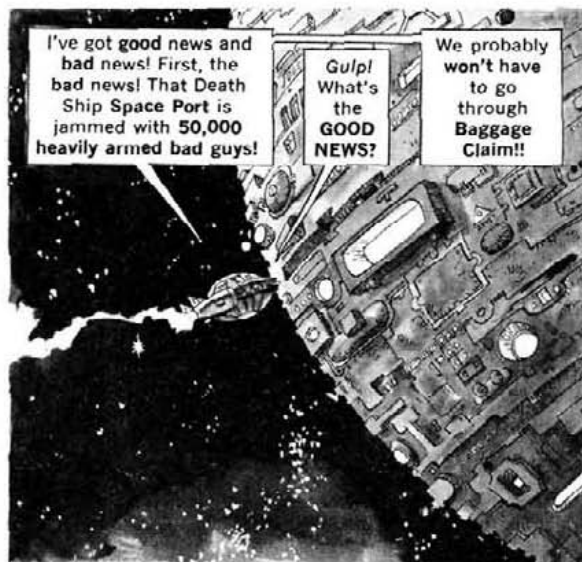
We can't! We've lost control! We're being drawn toward it! They have their X-5-G Nuclear Hoover-Matic on "Full Suck"!!



I've got good news and bad news! First, the bad news! That Death Ship Space Port is jammed with 50,000 heavily armed bad guys!

Gulp! What's the GOOD NEWS?

We probably won't have to go through Baggage Claim!!



Remember, lads, try to act nonchalant!

Anybody come by your post, Zargg?

Yeah! A party of six! Two guys, a 97-year-old man, a couple of robots, and a 14-foot ape!

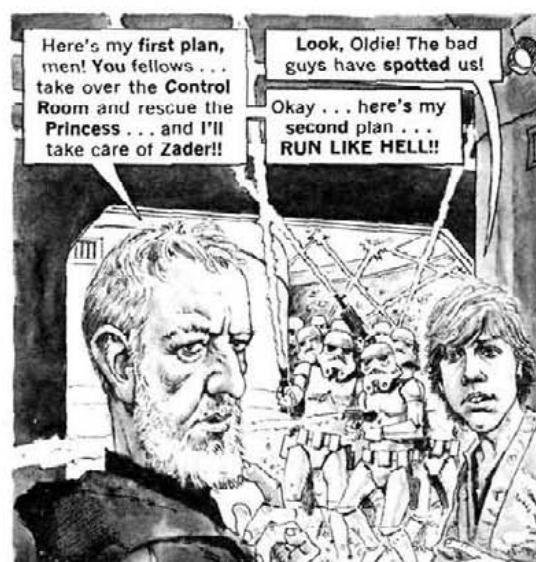
Okay . . . but if you see anything UNUSUAL, let me know!



Here's my first plan, men! You fellows . . . take over the Control Room and rescue the Princess . . . and I'll take care of Zader!!

Look, Oldie! The bad guys have spotted us!

Okay . . . here's my second plan . . . RUN LIKE HELL!!



Your Highness, I'm Lube Skystalker! I'm majoring in "Incredible Space Heroics" at Buffoon Tech! As my Term Project, I decided to organize an army, find a convenient space ship, rescue you, and fly you six billion miles to safety on the planet, Draidel!

This is madness! You know what happens if you fail?!

Don't even mention it! God... who wants to be a Space Accountant!

And what is your reason for doing it, Mr. Yoyo...?

Princess, I'm doing it for the money!!

Then I will see to it that you get plenty! I will give you \$20 million!

Wow! Just think of what I can buy with \$20 million!

Well, if you go to Earth, you can buy a pound of Coffee for \$20 million! This is 1999, you know...!



What fantastic luck! Who arranged for you to carry a handy rope on your belt with a hook that happens to fit over that projection so we can swing over this bottomless pit?

Probably the same clever guy who saw to it that 500 sharpshooters could fire at us and miss from a distance of ten feet!



What's happening? Where are we? The walls are starting to close in!!

Great!! We're not only in the world's largest Space Station... we're also in the world's largest Trash Compactor!

Well, at least they won't find us here!

And if they DO find us, they won't recognize us! They'll be looking for FULL-SIZED people!!



So, Zader! We meet again! Prepare your Light Ray Sword for a duel to the death! I shall triumph because I have The Force!

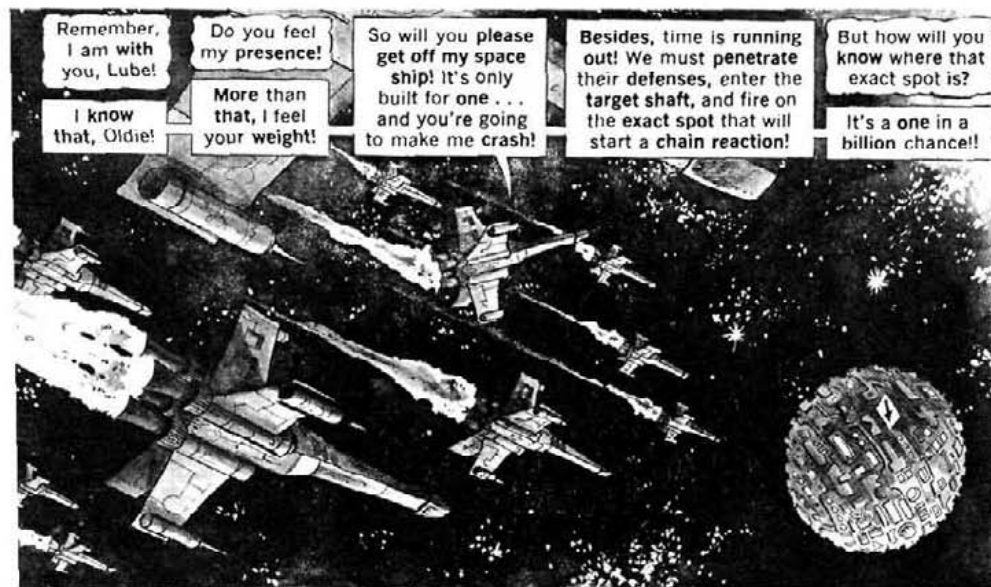
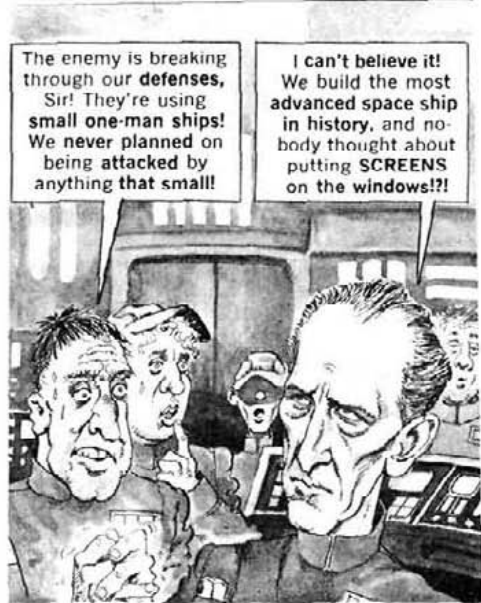
Get ready to die, you black-hearted villain!!

Good lord! My light ray has gone out!!

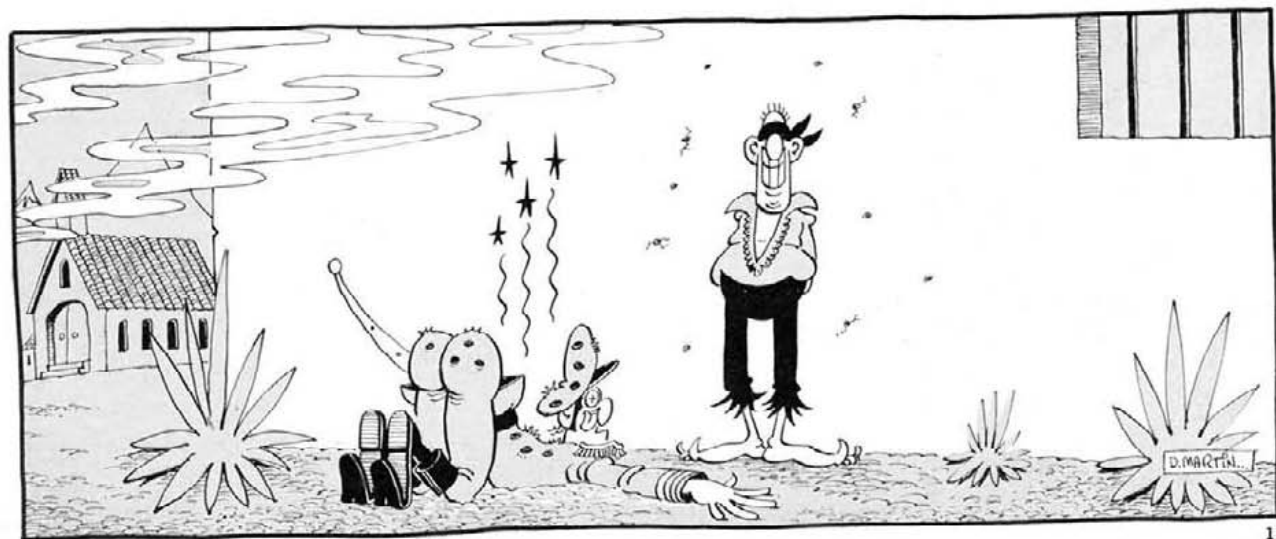
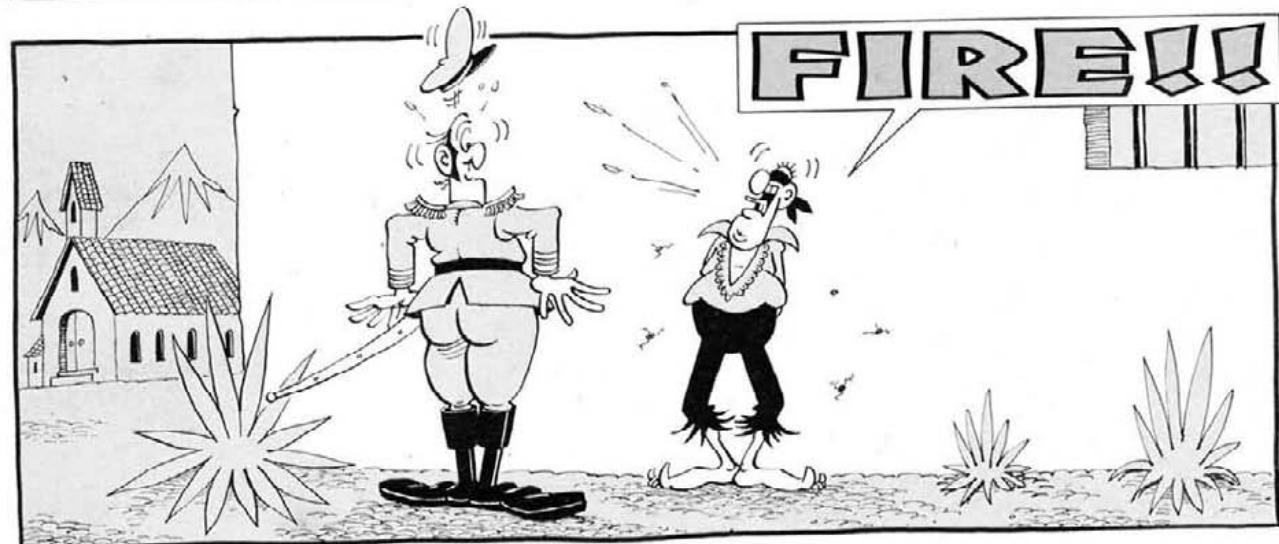
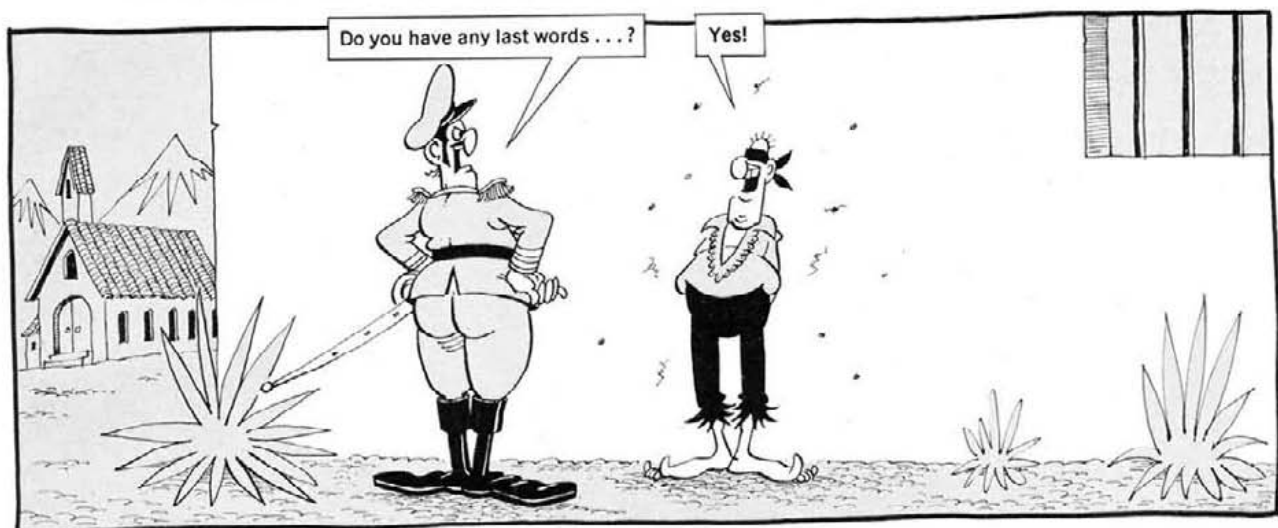
How ironic! Betrayed by a lack of faith in The Force...

... and a ridiculously short ... gasp ... extension cord!



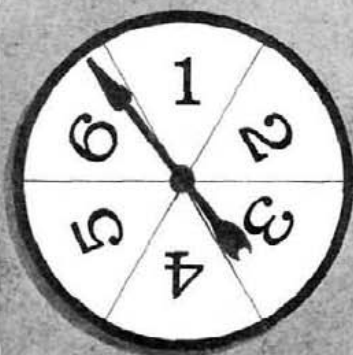


EARLY ONE MORNING IN SOUTH AMERICA



HOSPITAL RULES

1. Object of game is to get out of *Hospital* quicker than anyone else. This can be done by (a) reaching "Home"; or (b) being forced "Out of Game" because of medical bungling or incompetence or both.
2. If all players fail to complete game, the "Least Loser" is player who leaves *Hospital* last. There is no "Winner" when you play *Hospital*.
3. Player with lowest tolerance for suffering goes first. If all players suffer equally, then player with most self-destructive habits goes first.
4. Each player spins pointer on "Spinner" and then he



<p>Before operating, Specialist asks you, "What seems to be the problem?" Advance 2 spaces as this is normal.</p> <p>O.R.</p>	<p>As you're wheeled to operating room, people in corridor remove their hats.</p> <p>Go back to START.</p> <p>O.R.</p>	<p>It is a priest, on his knees and mumbling Latin. Lose 7 turns. If you're Catholic, lose 9 turns.</p> <p>VISITOR CARD</p>
<p>You wake up back in Semi-Private Room. Pick a VISITOR CARD.</p>	<p>It is a representative from the Vital Organ Bank, asking for all of yours. Lose 5 turns.</p> <p>VISITOR CARD</p>	<p>It is your wife, asking if you about your life insurance. Lose 3 turns.</p> <p>VISITOR CARD</p>
<p>Specialist asks if he possibly left rubber glove in your stomach. Go back to OPERATING ROOM.</p>	<p>You throw up hospital food again and now suffer from acute malnutrition. Go back to ADMISSIONS.</p>	<p>It is the Specialist, who asks you, "What seems to be the problem?" Advance 2 spaces as this is normal.</p> <p>VISITOR CARD</p>
<p>Visitor lights up cigarette while you are in oxygen tent. You are OUT OF GAME.</p>	<p>CONGRATULATIONS! You've been released and you've made it HOME! Recuperate for six weeks and then play our other popular board game, RELAPSE!</p>	<p>ADMISSIONS</p> <p>Lose 2 turns while they check your medical policy and bank balance.</p>
<p>START</p> <p>ENTER HOSPITAL</p>	<p>ADMISSIONS</p> <p>Lose 2 turns while they check your medical policy and bank balance.</p>	<p>?</p> <p>You can't remember your Blue Cross number. Go back to START.</p>

He and Doctor confer, agreeing on fee-splitting, medication, and that a 7 iron is a useful club for the 15th hole at Pine Acres.

...brings back Doctor, who takes advantage of your condition to get you to sign pledge not to sue for Malpractice.

You receive First Doctor Bill, making you feverish and delirious, which...

Your Doctor arrives. Pick a **DIAGNOSIS CARD**.

HOSPITAL

NURSE CARD
It's a hairy MALE nurse. Stay where you are because he's about to give you an enema.

NURSE CARD
She's kind and lovely. Go back to START, because it's obvious you can't be in a hospital.

NURSE CARD
She's tough and ugly. Lose 1 turn while she tells you other patients.

You sit in corridor 2 hours waiting for bed space. Advance 2 spaces as this is normal.

SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM

Patient in next bed screams in agony. Ring for Nurse.

SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM

Patient in next bed turns strange color. Ring again for Nurse.

Patient in next bed gasps and dies, which brings Nurse. Pick a **NURSE** card.

They X-ray your head despite your suffering from stomach pains. Advance 3 spaces as this is normal.

You are awakened at 3 a.m. and given a sleeping pill. Drag yourself to **X-RAY**.

FIRST HOSPITAL MEAL

Lose 1 turn, followed by what you've eaten.

Hospital finds you failed to pay last Blue Cross Premium. You are **OUT OF GAME**.

TAKING ANOTHER TACT DEPT.

There's an old adage that goes: "It's not what you say, it's the way that you say it!" Now, what exactly does that mean? A show of hands, please! Nobody? Well, it means that you don't just blurt out bad news to people, you use "diplomacy." Now, what exactly is diplomacy? Still no hands? Well diplomacy is the art of making someone feel good about what you say when he should feel rotten... or saying something in such a way that a person doesn't even realize you said it. Got it...? No? Well, you'll get the idea from the following examples of

MAD IN EVERY

ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.

THE WRONG WAY...



THE RIGHT WAY...



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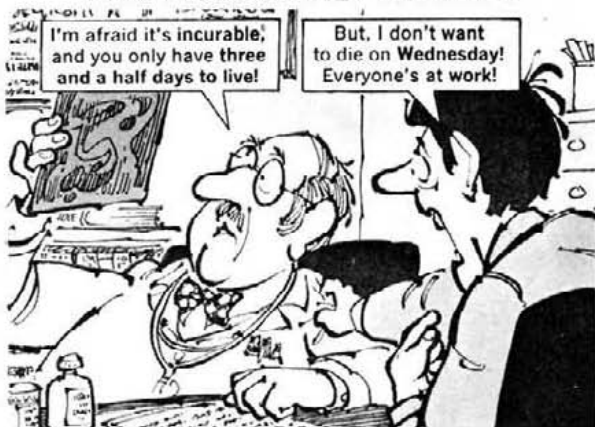
THE RIGHT WAY...



DIPLOMACY DAY LIFE SITUATIONS

WRITER: STAN HART

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If any of you have ever been dumb enough to write a fan letter to a celebrity, you know the standard procedure. After a couple of months, if you're lucky, you might receive an answer . . . which is usually a form letter something like this:

From The Desk of LEE MARVIN

Dear Eugene:

It was great hearing from you. I didn't know I had so many fans in Pittsfield, Massachusetts

No matter how much fan mail I get, I always try to answer each and every one. Because I figure that the people "out there" are what's really important.

When you're in the Hollywood area, why don't you drop by and say, "Hi!"...and If I'm not too busy, I'll say "Hi!" right back. Believe me, if it weren't for fans like you, I wouldn't be where I am today.

So thanks for your loyal support, Eugene

Yours truly,

Lee Marvin

Now it's pretty obvious that a secretary or a studio publicity department sends out these impersonal form letters and the celebrity never even sees them. Which brings us to this article. We at MAD think it would be much more interesting . . .

IF CELEBRITIES ANSWERED THEIR OWN FAN MAIL

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

BING CROSBY

780 Gower Street
Los Angeles, California

Bruce Jay Finsterneff
1228 East 31st Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Bruce Jay,

Well, well, well! Looky what we have here! A letter from Bruce Jay Finsterneff of Brooklyn, New York! A 13-cent Air Mail job, hand writ to the Old Groaner himself!

Steady, Bruce, while I lie back on my hammock, waft down a little Minute Maid o.j., and—while the little woman and the kids (the new ones) wamp up a mess of heapin' hot breakfast pancakes, Der Bingle is gonna put his John Hancock on some parchment, along with a reply.

Oh... and say! It's a good thing you didn't write to old Slope Nose Hope! I hear his Doctor won't let him read more than 15 minutes a day. It puts a strain on his lips!

Yours Too-ra-loo-ra-ruly,

Bing Crosby

MEL BROOKS

MELCROFT PRODUCTIONS
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Sedgwick Taylor
42 Paseo Nuevo Drive
Santa Barbara, Calif.

To One of California's Leading Gentiles,

Hey, you're a sweetheart. I love a good fan letter like I love a good corned beef sandwich on rye. With a cream soda to wash it down, and maybe a nice nectarine. I figure any kid who spills his guts out to a Jewish maniac can't be all bad. Even though you're probably sitting there, wearing a seersucker suit and factory outlet shoes.

You've got a lot of talent, Sedgwick. You're a great writer. Better than Shakespeare! I mean it!! Shakespeare was a terrible writer. Did you ever SEE his handwriting? Shakespeare never crossed his "T"s or dotted his "I"s. But, you, Sedgwick, you've got a curve... a flow... a niceness... a roundness to your penmanship. Such a roundness I haven't seen since those twisted pretzels I stole from Feingold's Candy Store on Orchard Street.

So what can I tell you, but... Hey, have a nice life! I love you! I love your penmanship! I love your face! And I hope an ex-Nazi Storm Trooper never dances across your Sister-In-Law!

Mel Brooks

P.S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a ton of halvah... would you believe, from Zabar's!

ROBERT BLAKE

Universal Studios
Los Angeles, California

Brad Novitsky
2785 Peoria Street
Chicago, Illinois
Hey, man!

Listen, I ain't no real heavy writer, y'know. But if I don't answer my fan mail, people are gonna think I'm a punk, right? So I'm writin' to you. But let me tell you, man, there ain't no way I'm gonna send you no autographed picture of myself. It just ain't my scene. And no matter what happens, there ain't nobody gonna change anything. And that's the name of that tune. I hope we're straight. Later, Robert Blake



JOHNNY CARSON TONIGHT SHOW

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
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BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91523

Mr. Myron Floss
2300 N.W. 47th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dear Myron,

Getting a fan letter from you was the third greatest thrill of my life. The first was wrestling a 250 pound Viking nude in a field of cactus. The second was playing hand grenade volley ball. As you can see, Myron, I was really pleased to get your letter. In the words of the Great Carnack, "May the waters of the Holy River Ganges back up into your Sister's panty hose!"

Hi-yooooooh!

Besides everything else, your letter was dull. How dull was it?? Well, let me put it this way! I showed your letter to Tommy Newsom, and he fell asleep.

But I really shouldn't complain about your letter. At least it was complimentary. Some of the mail I get is... how shall I say it? Rough! It's from the kind of people that would go into the Arthritic Ward of an Old Age Home and short-sheet the beds. I mean... that's rough! A lot of nasty mail I get is from fans. But most of it is from ex-wives!

May I say in conclusion... you're quite unusual, Myron. You're one of the few people left who's never hosted the Tonight Show.

Sincerely yours,

Johnny Carson

GERALD FORD

Palm Springs, CA.

Miss Valerie Drenf
98 North Laurel St.
Utica, New York

Dear Miss Drenf,

Thank you for your nice note.

At the end of a busy day, it
pick up pen and ink and an
letter that h

your continued support and confidence
in the days and years ahead.

Very truly yours,
Gerald R. Ford

RALPH NADER

P.O. BOX 19367
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

Maurice Kolodny
2855 Ethel Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Maurice:

Thank you for your fan letter, but I am re-
turning it because:

- (A) The paper does not fit the standards and specifications necessary to pass the Stationery Thickness Code.
- (B) It falls under the classification of "Junk Mail", concerning which I presently have three bills pending before the Congress of the U.S.
- (C) It is unsafe. While opening it, I got a severe paper cut.
- (D) The gum seal on the envelope that you licked may have contained traces of a cancer causing chemical: vinyl tetrachloride hydroxide, an ingredient that is currently being investigated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. We will send you the results of their tests as soon as we receive them (if you are still alive).

Please feel free to write to me again...but
on different stationery..

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Nader

REX REED

One West Seventy-First Street
New York City, New York 10023

Sheila Flivley
21 Boston Street
Cincinnati, Utah

Dear Sheila:—

Your letter missed by a mile! It was one of the ten worst letters I've read this year! It was at times so hackneyed, so boring, so heavy-handed, so cumbersome, so totally lacking in originality that I walked out in the middle of it. (Which was difficult, since I was reading it on a flight from LA to NY!)

It's just barely possible that this low-budget letter (The 8" x 11 1/2" 3-holed loose-leaf paper was a dead giveaway!) could have been a mildly amusing, free-wheeling comedy piece (The opening paragraph requesting a lock of my underarm hair showed wit and promise!), but sadly, your letter emerged as a tired, trite, dreary excursion into dullsville!

Better luck next time out!

Very truly yours,

Rex Reed

From The Desk Of DON RICKLES

To: A Hockey Puck Somewhere North of Texas

Dear Hockey,

Who do you think you are, Edgar Allan Poe? Well, you're not! You write more like Baby Huey! In fact, you probably look like him!

Well, you know what, Huey? I tore your letter up! That's right, Fish Head! I tore it up!

I mean, where does it say "Putz from Panhandle Writes To Big-Time Star"?!? So do me a favor-- Sit on a rocket and do twirls!

But I kid you. We are all Americans. You're a farmer from Oklahoma, and I'm a comedian from the streets of New York. And I say from the bottom of my heart... "We Don't Like You!"

In conclusion, what can I say except...I'm really a "nice guy". God bless you.

Respectfully yours,

Don Rickles

P.S. I don't ever want to hear from you again, understand?!?

Dear ... it says here that most men take showers ... and most women take baths!

It does?!!

DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?!

NO!!

THE SHOWER IS MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE!!

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

WVA

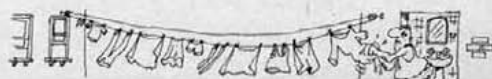
Admit it! Isn't this better than spending a whole Saturday afternoon washing and waxing the car like you planned ... ?

Here at this Car Wash, it's done by automated machines and a team of professional car-washers!

And all it takes is five minutes and a couple of bucks! Aren't you glad I talked you into it?!

Oh ... I suppose so ...

... but now what am I gonna do with the rest of the afternoon?!



MOMMY! MOMMY!

Huh...?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

Nuthin'! I just want a glass of water...!

For that, you woke me up?!? You know, you're getting a little OLD to be calling for a glass of water...!

Gee... I am...?!

Well, in that case, get me a glass of BEER!!



ATER

WRITER & ARTIST:
DAVID BERG

Drip! Drip! DRIP!! The noise of that leaky faucet is driving me bananas! Will you get off your butt and fix the damn thing?!

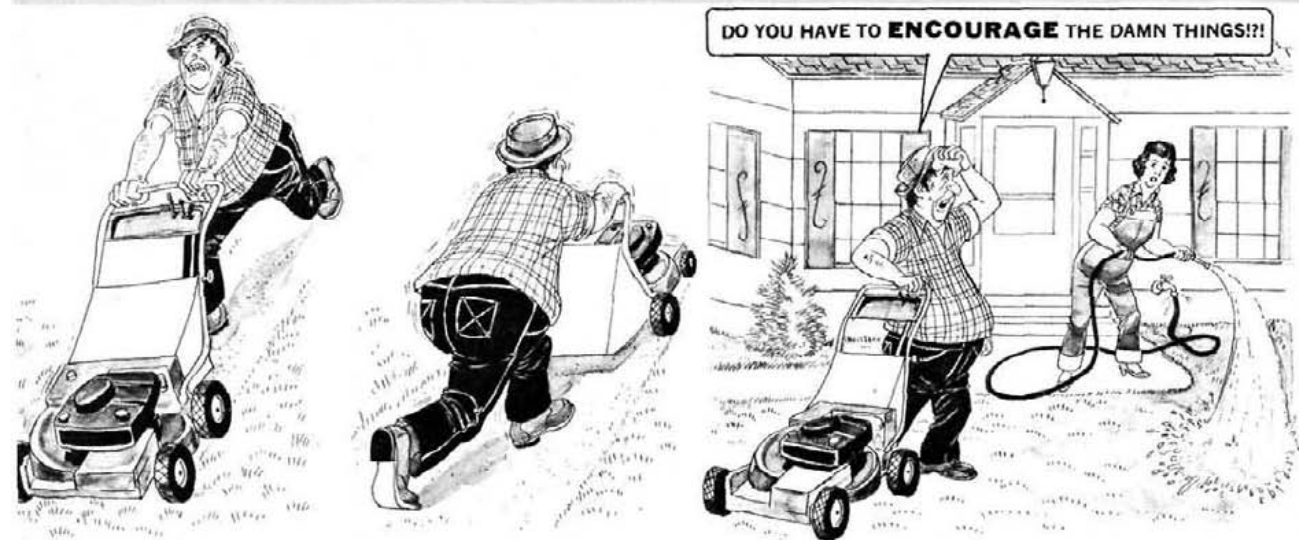
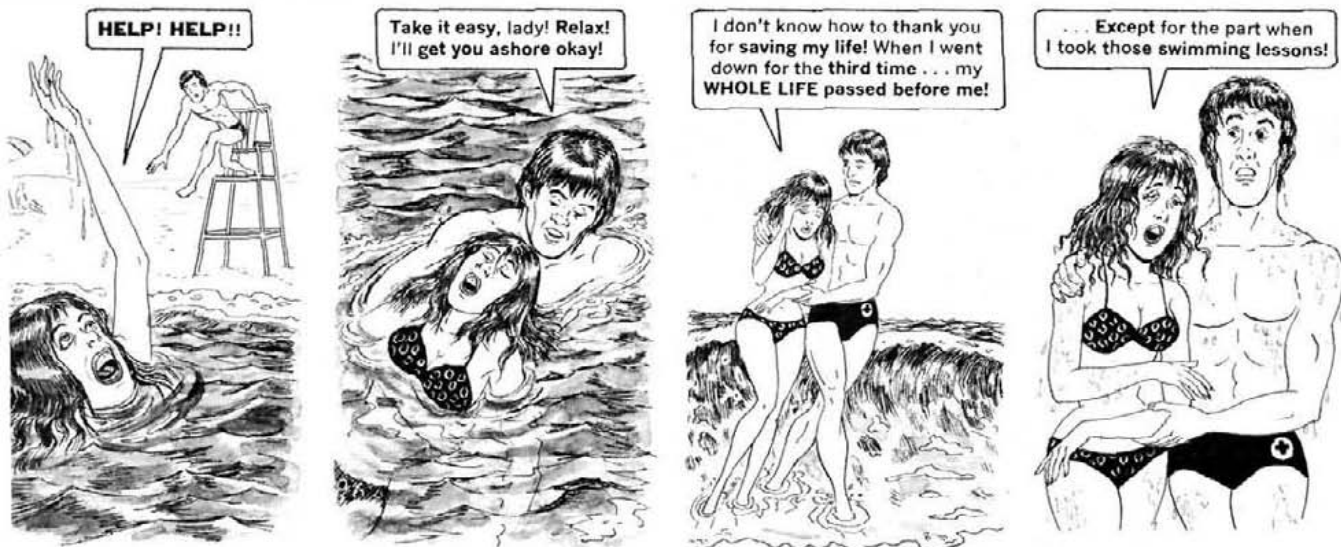
Okay! Okay...! I can't stand the noise, either!

There! The leak is fixed! Now, maybe it'll stop!

What...? The noise of the dripping?

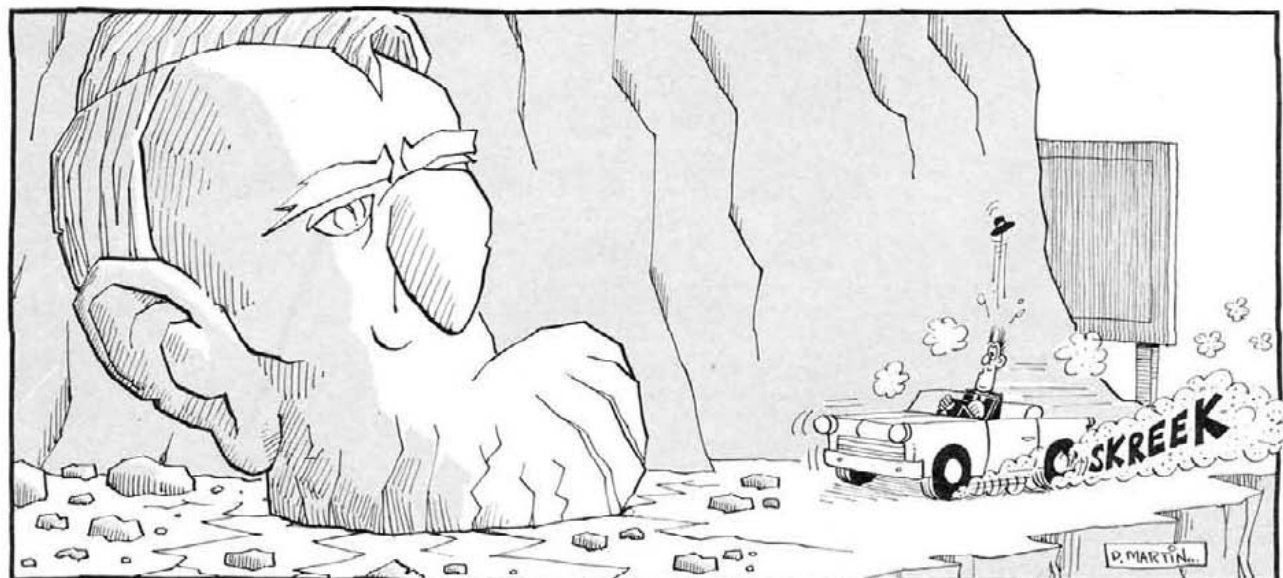
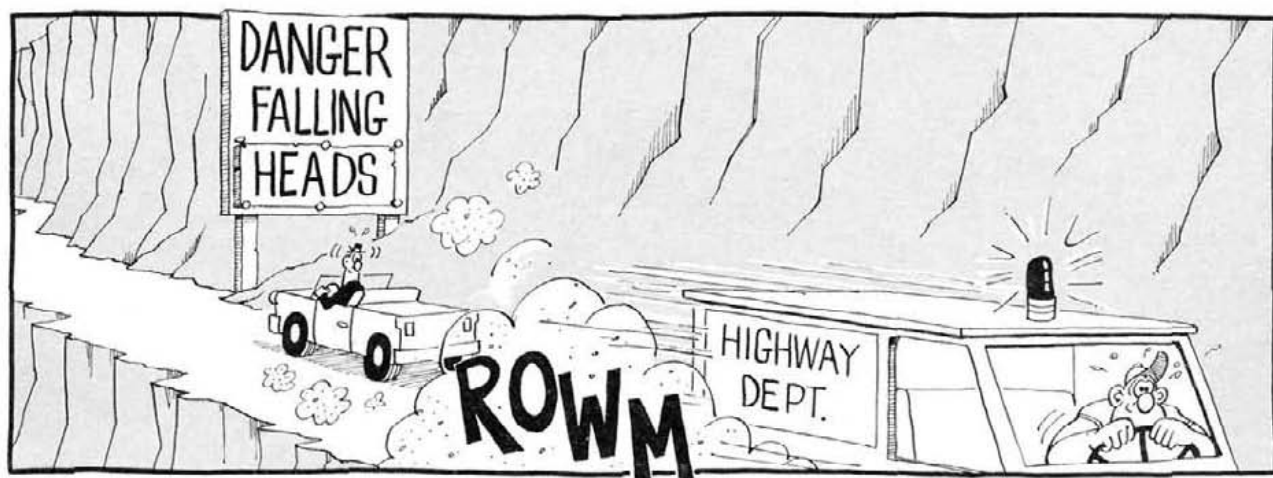
No... the HOLLERING!!







LATE ONE AFTERNOON IN SOUTH DAKOTA



CIVILIZED SERVANTS DEPT.

Every week, we read about another city where the Sanitation Men are striking, or the Firemen are calling in sick, or the Policemen are engaged in

a slow-down. As MAD sees it, Public Services are monopolies with no competition. And, as MAD also sees it, the answer is to let Public Services be

IF PUBLIC SERVICE LIKE PRIVATE

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD

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and
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and
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WITH

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Q. What's got orange peels, mouldy bread and flies?
A. The garbage truck of **GROVER (CUT RATE) FEEGUS!**

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555-1237



run as Private Enterprises so clods like us could have more than one to choose from. If Garbagemen and the like had competition, they would have to

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BUSINESSES WERE RUN ENTERPRISE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

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GARBAGE



And it smells! And so do my clothes and my truck! And if you get within 20 feet of me, you'll pass out from the stench! But I'm not asking you to invite me to a tea party! All I want is to pick up your garbage! Only twenty bucks a month, and you can mail the money so you don't have to come near me!

LESTER "MR. GARBAGE" DUNG • 555-3296

PICKING UP GARBAGE IS MORE THAN JUST A JOB—

IT'S THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!

I love picking up a packed smelly can! I love taking off the lid and dumping the icky stuff jammed inside it! I love the potato peels and egg shells and slamming the can against the truck in order to knock loose all that gunky stuff that's stuck to the bottom of the can! I love garbage, and you'll love ME when you take advantage of my

**THREE-MONTH
TRIAL SERVICE**

that I'm offering this week for only a few pennies a day!

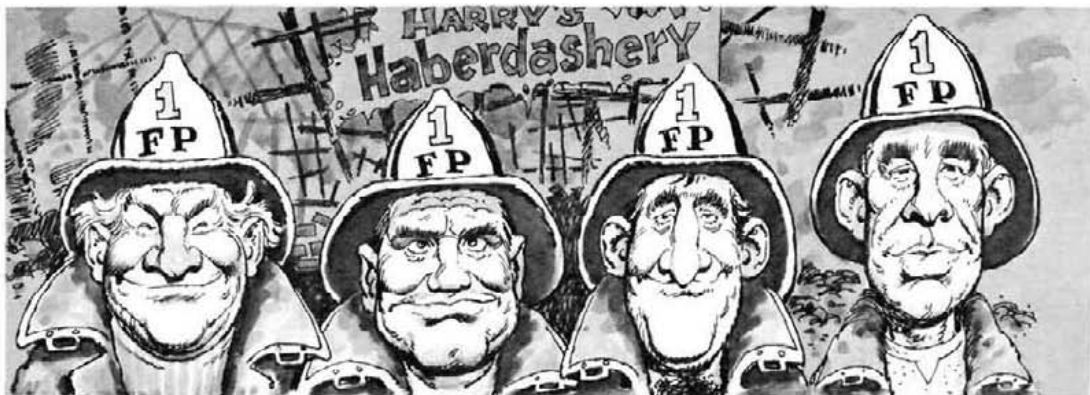
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says Convicted Trunk Murderer
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WHAT'S
WRONG,
HARRY?
IS YOUR
BUSINESS
OFF?

NO, BUSINESS IS GREAT!
BUT I'M LOSING MONEY
PAYING FOR POLICE
PROTECTION! THEY
CHARGE ME FOR
INVESTIGATING EACH
BURGLARY... EACH
TRUCK HI-JACKING...
EACH PETTY-THEFT!
WHAT CAN I DO...?

DO WHAT I DID, HARRY! SWITCH
TO CASPER'S POLICE DEPARTMENT!
ONE LOW MONTHLY FEE COVERS
BREAK-INS, HOLD-UPS, PARKING
TICKETS... EVERYTHING! AS THE
PEOPLE AT CASPER'S SAY...

CASPER IS FOR THE CRIMES THAT WE ARE SOLVING--
IS FOR ARRESTS MADE WITH NO FUSS--
IS FOR THE STICK-UPS THAT WE'RE FOILING--
IS FOR POLICE AS GREAT AS US--
IS FOR THE END OF ALL YOUR TROUBLES--
IS FOR OUR RATES, SO CHEAP, YOU SEE--
PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER, THEY SPELL CAS! PER--
YOU PAY US JUST ONE LOW, LOW MONTHLY FEE!



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A MAD LOOK AT...

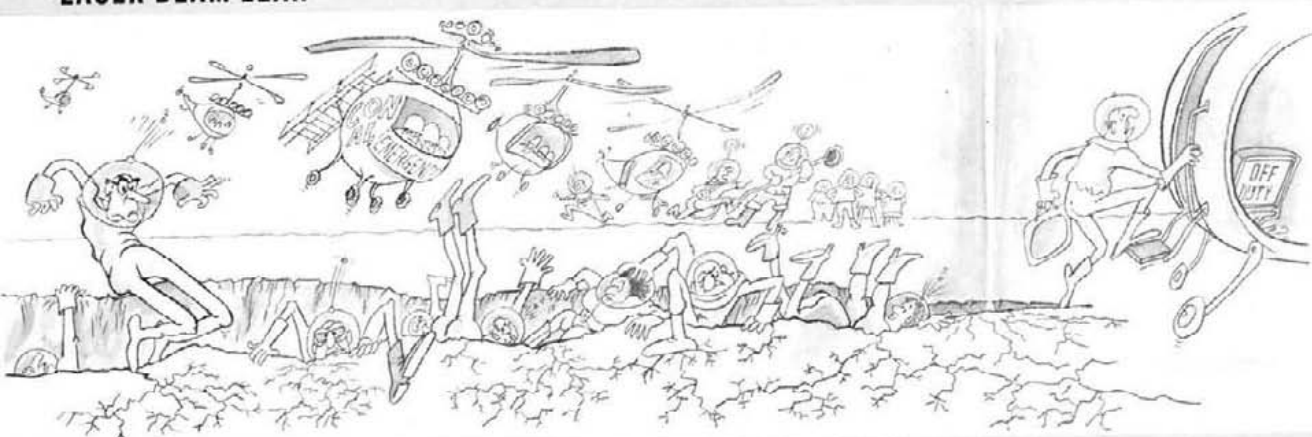
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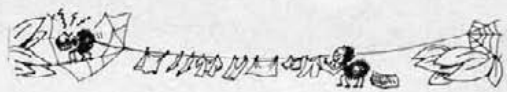


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OUTER SPACE WASTE-DISPOSAL FALL-OUT

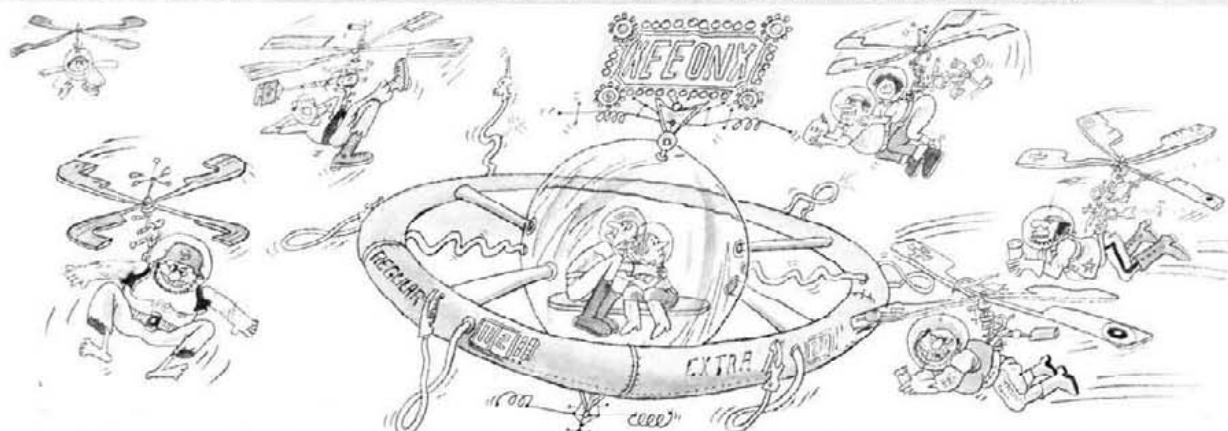




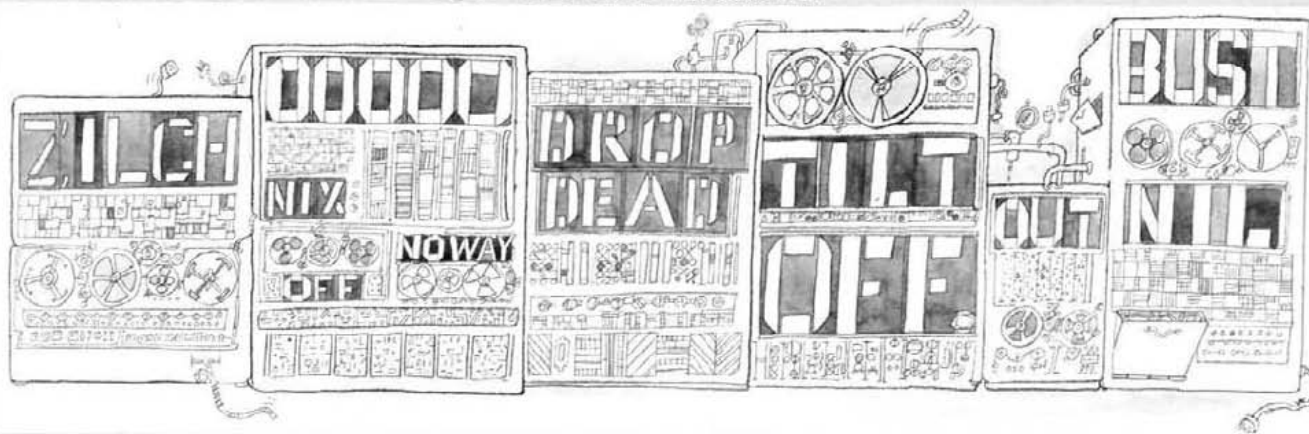
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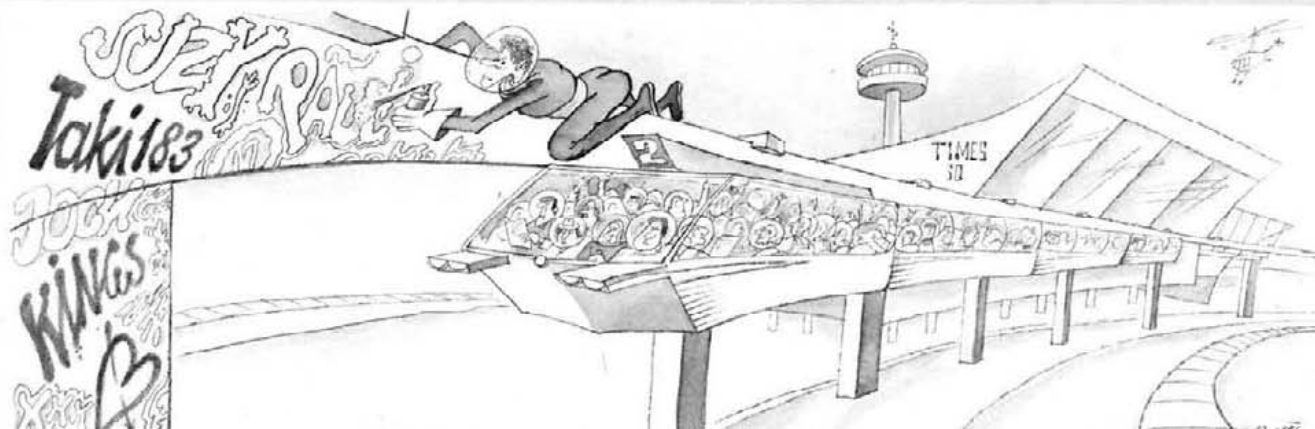
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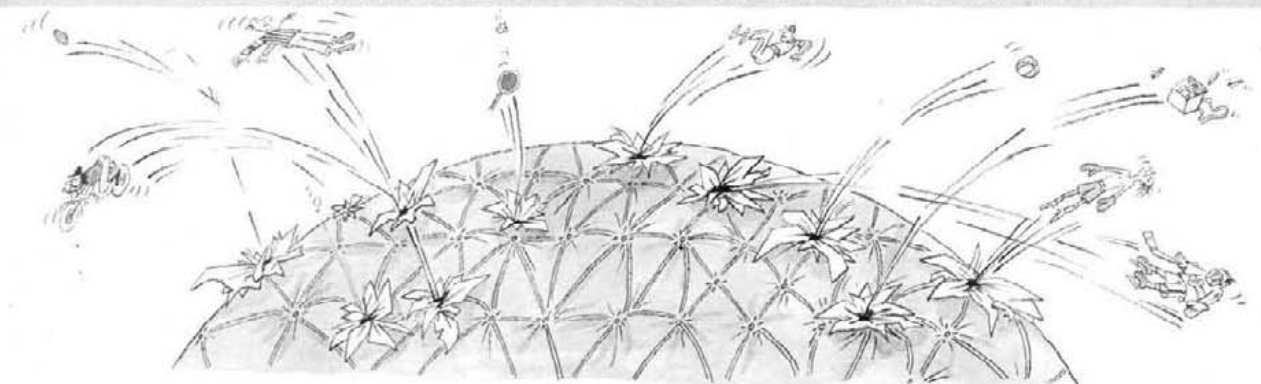
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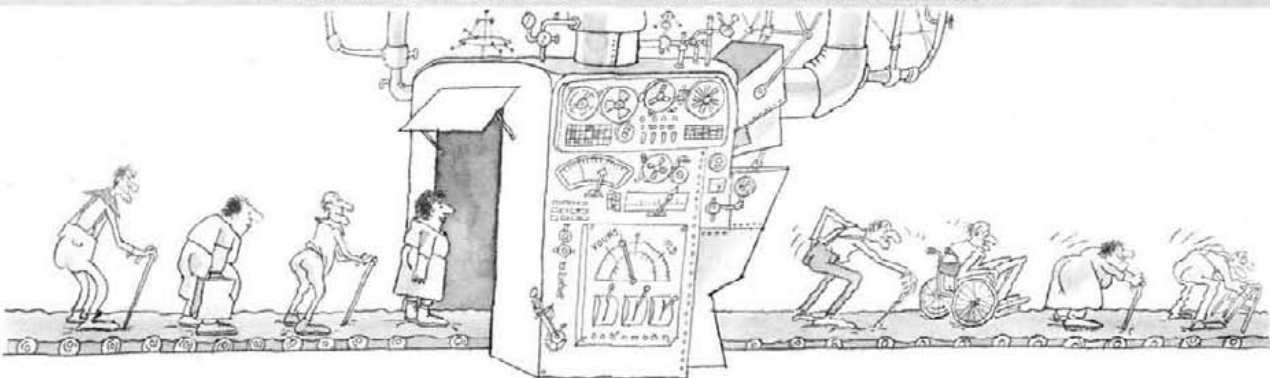
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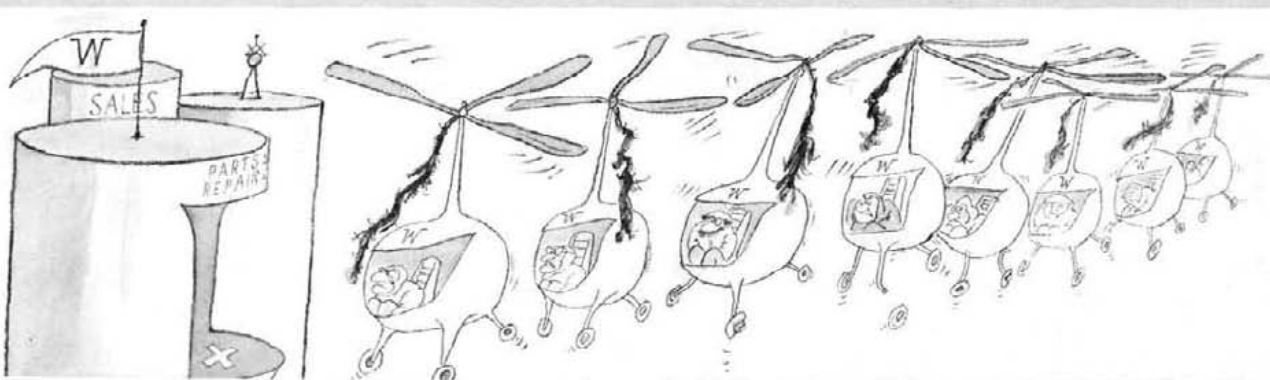
STRUCTURAL FLAW IN MOON SPORTS COMPLEX GEODESIC DOME



TECHNICAL BREAKDOWN OF PEOPLE-RECYCLING PLANT



RECALL OF ALL MEDIUM-PRICED GYROCARS BY MANUFACTURER



BOOK WORMS DEPT.

Hi! I'm Henry Wrinkler, Yale, Class of '71! What, you may ask, is a Yale man doing conducting one of these idiotic interviews for **MAD Magazine**? Well, it's all part of my campaign to get rid of the "Fonzie image! Recently, I did a TV Special on Shakespeare ... and now I'm going to the other end of the literary spectrum! And **MAD** is about as far from Shakespeare as you can get! **Hey-Yayy!** So, okay, you nerds ... let's go! I'm here to interview Mr. Chutzpah Leech, who has been selected as ...

MAD'S LITERARY AGENT OF THE YEAR

Mr. Leech, I'm Henr—

Hold it! I'm talking to Hemingway ... on the coast!

Okay, Ernie! Listen! Even though you haven't done a thing lately, and your last book was down the toilet, I'm gonna take a chance on you ... for old times' sake!

Uh ... Mr. Leech. Hemingway is DEAD!!

Oh?? I thought it was a bad connection! You a prospective client ... ?

No, I'm here to interview you ... !

Why didn't you say so?! I wouldn't have had to go through that phony "call to the coast" routine to impress you!



ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

Tell me, Mr. Leech, what's the first thing you look for in a writer!

I don't handle writers!

Aren't you a Literary Agent?

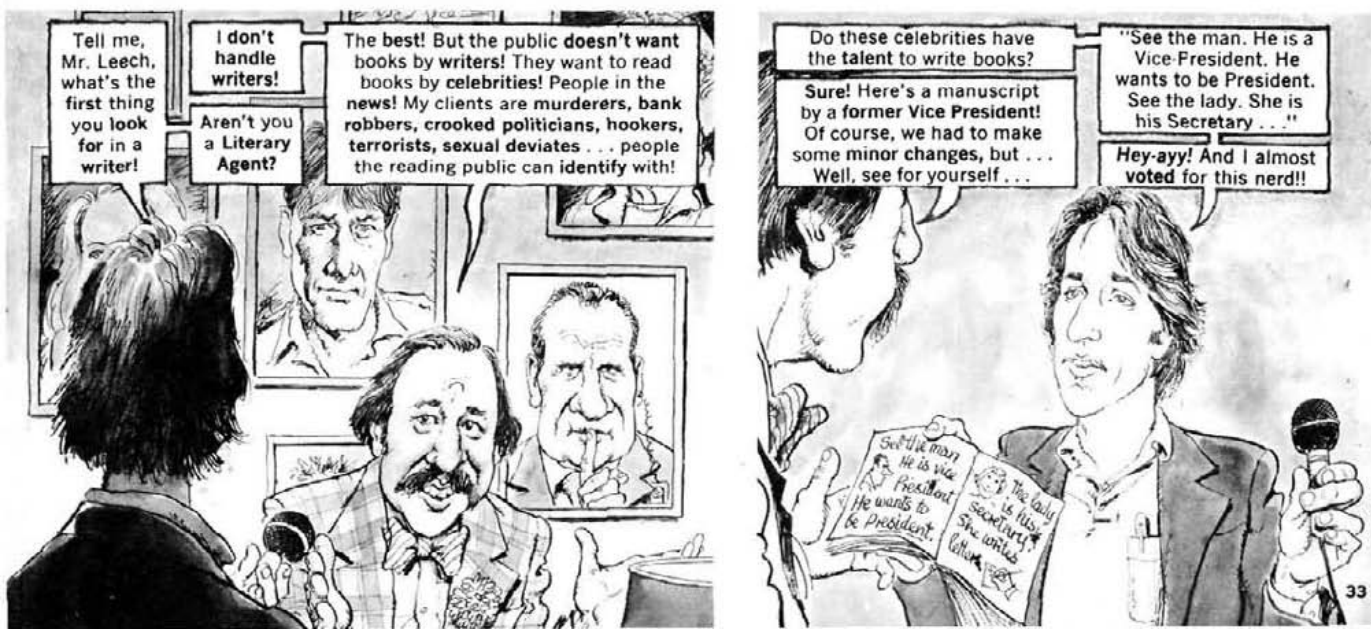
The best! But the public doesn't want books by writers! They want to read books by celebrities! People in the news! My clients are murderers, bank robbers, crooked politicians, hookers, terrorists, sexual deviates ... people the reading public can identify with!

Do these celebrities have the talent to write books?

Sure! Here's a manuscript by a former Vice President! Of course, we had to make some minor changes, but ... Well, see for yourself ...

"See the man. He is a Vice-President. He wants to be President. See the lady. She is his Secretary ..."

Hey-ayy! And I almost voted for this nerd!!



However, if any of my clients really need professional help, I have a staff of **hacks** here who can **ghost write** their book **FOR** them! The people I represent may not be able to **write** books, but they can write something even more important!

They can write the **TRUTH!!?**

No, they can write **CHECKS!!**

Sometimes, I ghost write a book myself!

Why? Because the story is so important?

No... because the story is so **SEXY!!** Like this new book I'm doing with a **former secretary** to a **United States Senator**...

Speak of the devil, here comes "**Belle Of The South**" now...!

Howdy, Mr. Leech! I'm here to bare it all for my li'l ol' ghost!

Now, tell ol' Chutz all the dirty stuff in your own sweet way!

Er... should I play the tape recorder that I hid under the vibrating bed...?

Was it voice-activated?

No... you had to put a quarter in it... and then the bed shook like a plate of grits on a cold and frosty mornin'!

Well... then the Senator went to his closet, and put on his high heeled shoes and nylon stockings, and...

We interrupt this program to bring you a special bulletin! There is a hold-up in progress at the **National Bank**! The Police have surrounded the bank, and they believe that several people are being held as hostages!

Baby... I gotta split! We'll finish this later! I gotta get to the bank!

Boy... you ghost writers are even weirder than Senators... chasin' after bank robbers to get your kicks!!

What's the big rush? Do you have money in that bank...?

I gotta get there before the other Agents do... and try to sign those crooks to a contract! Who knows...?! This could turn out to be another "**Dog Day Afternoon**"!!

Officer, I've got to get in to that bank!!

No, I'm their Agent, and I want to talk to them immediately!

No... I want to talk them into staying in there until all three **TV Networks** show up with their cameras! Coverage like that is worth a fortune!

Why are you related to the perpetrators?

Are you going to try to talk them into surrendering?



Beat it, crumb, before I run you in!!

Anti-intellectual! Okay, I'm leaving! But someday, when you want to write a book about being a crooked cop, don't come to see me!



Why did you decide to become an Agent?

It beats working! Seriously, though, every time I walk into a book store and see one of my client's books, it gives me a really good feeling!!

Because you know you've contributed to his success???

No... because I know I'm getting TEN PERCENT of his success!!



It takes a special type of person to be a Literary Agent! There's no profession like it!!

Okay, now, Foxy Lady! You got some bread for your main man??

Well... hardly any!



C'mon! We gotta fly! I can't afford to be late for my next appointment!

Oh? Is it with an important Government figure?

No, it's with a Convict on Death Row! And if I'm late, it could be TOO late!!



I've got great news for you!!

No, I signed a terrific Tee Shirt deal! See?? Aren't these beautiful?

The Governor came through with my pardon?

I guarantee they'll outsell Farrah Fawcett Majors'!



But what'd the GOVERNOR say?

He said he'd take a dozen!



But... what about the PARDON?

Forget the pardon! If you don't get the chair, the whole package collapses—the book, the movie, the toys! Look, I don't want to get your hopes up... but...

You located a secret witness that can definitely clear me!

No... but I think I've lined up Howard Cosell to interview you live before the big event!!



What a business! Everybody thinks about themselves! Nobody cares how much time and effort I put in for them! Nobody gives me the thanks I deserve!

Psst! Hey, Mr. Leech! I wanna write a book!

What are you in for?

Embezzlement!!

No way, fellah! Who wants to read about an embezzlement?! Next time, burn somebody... get yourself the Death Penalty! Then we'll talk!



Are ALL of your clients hookers or Crooks or killers?

Not all of them! I also represent some very famous MOVIE STARS ... and most of their books are on the Best-Seller list!

I guess people like to read about how a Star becomes a Star!

No, people like to read about all the other Stars a Star went to bed with!

Mr. Leech ... I'm a writer looking for a Literary Agent!

You got a track record?

Well, I won four awards for writing in college, I've had several short stories published, and I just completed a novel!

I don't handle amateurs! You want Leech to represent you, do something sensational! Get yourself executed, impeached, or thrown out of office! Go commit a crime, take hostages, get yourself on the TV News!



Is turning down young writers the toughest part of your job?

No, the toughest part is when I get a fat royalty check from a publisher, and I gotta turn over 90% of it to some ingrate writer!!

I'm a Pro Hockey Player! I want to write a book about all of the violence in the NHL!

That violence shtick has been done to death! You wanna do a Jock Book, you gotta have a fresh angle! Wait I got it! Announce that you're coming out of the closet! We'll call the book, "The Gay Goalie"!!

But ... I'm STRAIGHT!

Don't be so technical! How about this?? You get one of them Sex Change operations like that Tennis Player!! Your book will be at the top of the list!!

Forget it! I won't write the book!

That's the trouble with writers today! Nobody wants to make sacrifices! Oh, where have the true artists gone??



Hey, dig this article in Variety! Books are BIG BUSINESS! Books by real writers about real people! Hmmm...

You mean the public is reading BOOKS again?!

They're not reading them! They're watching them on TV!!

I did what you said! I took some hostages! Now, all I have to do is get on the TV News ... and I can write a book about my experiences!

Forget it, kid! I'm looking for REAL books! Epic novels that can be dragged out for ten or twelve hours on Television!

What'll I do with these people ... ?!

That's YOUR problem! Just get 'em out of here! I'm a busy man!

Get me Haley on the phone!

What do you mean, "Which one?"!! The guy who wrote "ROOTS" and "AIRPORT"!!

This is Henry Wrinkler, signing off for MAD Magazine! Hey-yay! Whoa-ooh!



A MAD LOOK AT A MODERN HIGH SCHOOL

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE



See that guy?
He's the Main
Man on Campus!

That skinny
creep is the
Captain of the
Football Team?!

No...
he's
the cat
who
supplies
the
GRASS!

Dig that
Teacher!
It looks
like
she's
having
a bad
trip!

Nahh, it's
nothing
like that!
She's just
SUBBING
in our
English
class today!

I think I'm
cracking up!
Last week, at
the Football
Game... I
found myself
cheering for
OUR SCHOOL!

Man, our parents were
lucky when they went
to school! They didn't
have to eat slop like
this! They were too
poor to buy lunches,
so they brought great
sandwiches from home!

The kids are really
lucky today! When I
was going to school,
we brought dried-up
tasteless sandwiches
from home! We didn't
get delicious hot
lunches like this!

It was bad
enough when
they copied
each other's
homework...
Now, they're
handing in
Xerox copies!

I looked in
on your class
and it was
amazing! You
could have
heard a pin
drop! What's
your secret?

Actually,
I have
nothing to
do with it!
The whole
class is
zonked out
on PILLS!

I really feel
ridiculous
teaching Sex
Education to
these kids!
Half the
girls are
pregnant!

Did you see
the list of
books the
Board of
Education
wants to ban!
I think it's
disgraceful!

I think it's
great! It's
one sure way
to get kids
to read a
book! Just
put it on a
"Banned" list!

The problem is:
Colleges don't
properly prepare
Teachers for
the complex
situations they
face in today's
classrooms!

That's
right!
They
should
have
taught
us
Karate!



Hey, Man! How come you don't wear a school jacket! You should be proud! We're UNDEFEATED!

WHAT undefeated?! That dummy Basketball Team hasn't won a game yet!

Yeah... but we're undefeated in the "After Game Riots"!!

This "Integration" is strictly a downer! I gotta get up an hour earlier... get bused clear across town... and all the dudes in my classes are Black! Like, the only White guy I see is the Basketball Coach!!

Have a beer!

No. I'm afraid!

You're too chicken to drink beer???

It's not that! If I drink beer, I'll have to go to the John! And in this school, that's ONE place I'm afraid to go!!

Man, I sure wish we were allowed to pray in school!

I thought you were an atheist!

There are no atheists during finals!

Do you realize how much this computer cost the taxpayers... and you kids hardly touch it!!

That thing is a ripoff, Teach!

Yeah! It can't even pick four winners for us in the weekly Football Pool!

I don't quite understand it, but you've been accepted by the State University! However, you'll have to take Remedial Reading, Remedial English and Remedial Math! Do you have any idea what you want to be...?

Yeah... a Remedial Doctor!

Of course, I believe in the First Amendment! But the answer is still "No!" The Cheering Section cannot spell out "EAST SIDE HIGH SUCKS"!!



Man, I hate these co-ed Phys. Ed. classes!

Are you off your bird? Don't you dig chicks in shorts?

Yeah, but it's ruining my cool image, getting beat in Volley Ball by a bunch of girls!



I've got some good news and some bad news! First, the good news! Some of the students actually used the new set of Encyclopedias today!

That's splendid! Now... what's the bad news...?

Seven volumes are missing!

QUIET



I must say, I'm surprised! You, the Class President... cheating!

Man, how do you think I got elected President?!



What did your Mother say when you didn't come home all night?

She didn't say anything! She was away for the week-end with her boyfriend!

Boy, you're lucky! I wish MY parents were divorced!



We have got to do something about all this "CUTTING"!!

But students have always cut classes!

Who's talking about students? I mean the TEACHERS!!



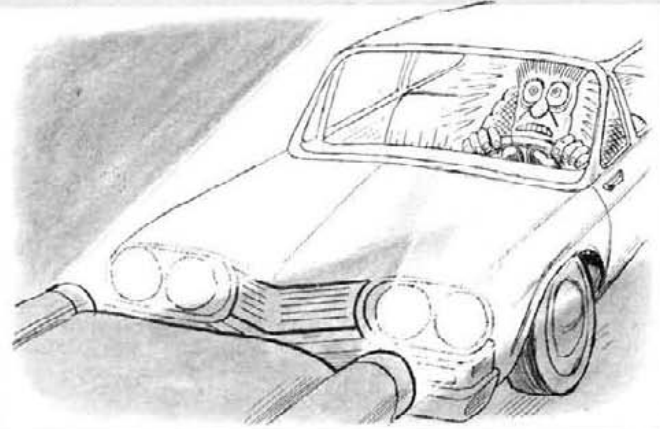
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REAR-MOUNTED BRIGHT LIGHTS



FOR MESSY ROOMS THAT NEED QUICK CLEANINGS . . .



INSTANT-NEAT SCREENS



FOR THAT HARD-TO-READ SMALL PRINT . . .



STRETCHABLE PAPER





'D LIKE TO SEE

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

FOR THOSE LIP-AND-TONGUE-SCALDING BEVERAGES ...



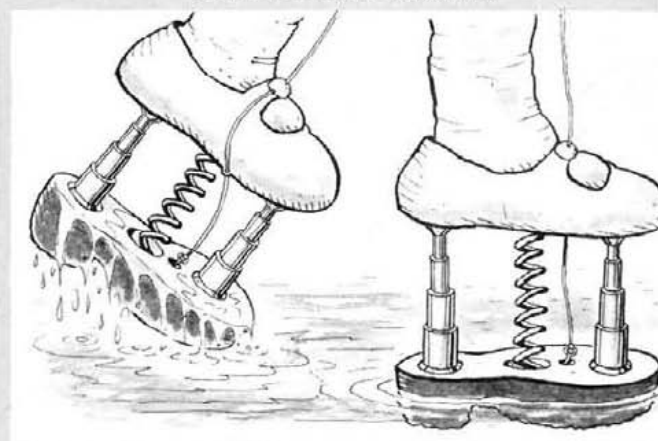
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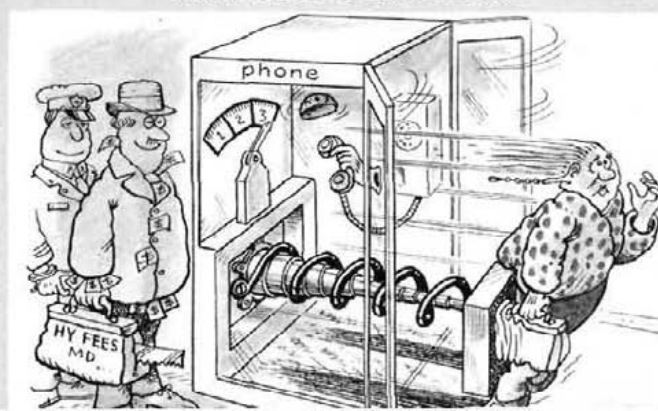
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TOOTHPASTE TUBE TOP GUARDS



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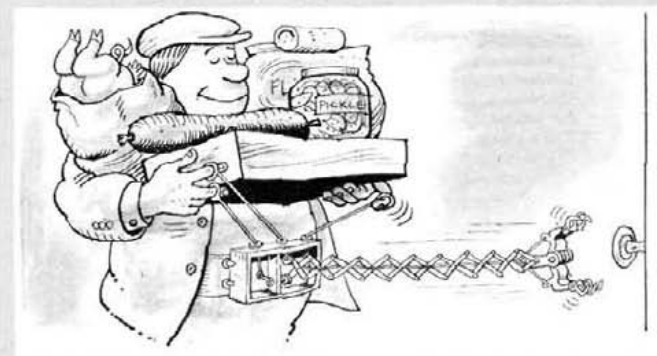
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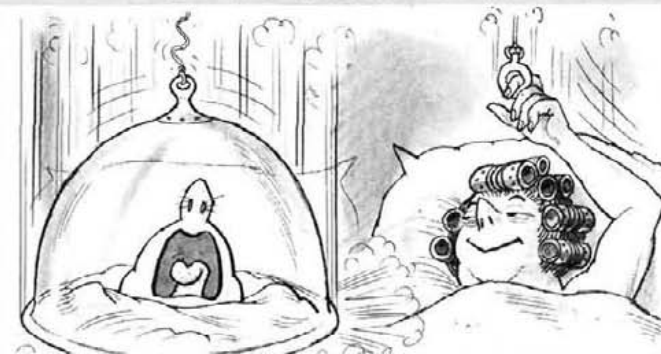
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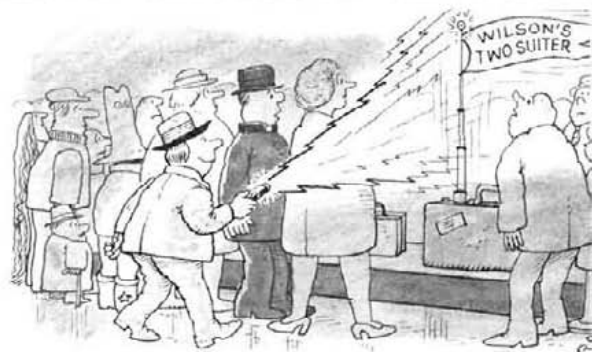
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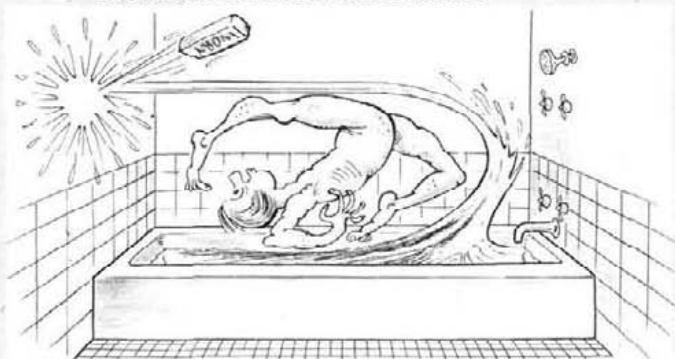
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FOR CHRONIC UMBRELLA-MISPLACERS ...



PERSONAL PORT-A-BRELLA SCABBARDS



FOR UNDERAGE "R" AND "X"-RATED MOVIE GOERS ...



INSTANT AGING KITS



EARLY ONE EVENING IN ATLANTIC CITY



Crassy, you've been poring over that TV Guide for an hour! Are you stumped by their "difficult" crossword puzzle?

Of course we're still on the air! We were the smash "Adult SitCom" of the season!

Last year's 3rd Season on ABC! In just a few weeks, our ratings went right through the roof!

Yeah, but your costumes are even flimsier! That could only HELP us!

I know what you mean! We may not have the warmth or the talent of "Mary" or "Rhoda"! We're not as lovably zany as "Laverne and Shirley"! And we're not as undressed as "Charlie's Angels"! At least I'M not! But we DO have one thing they don't have! A MAN living in the same apartment with us!

No, I'm looking to see if our show is still on the air!

What season was that...?

But can we LAST? Do we have the STAYING power? After all, our premise is very FLIMS! That could only HURT us!

We don't have what the OTHER Girl Teams on TV have...!

Yeah! Isn't that a little queer?!

Oh, no! He's only pretending to be! Actually...



SWITCH HIT DEPT.

HE'S COMPANY

Morning, Tacky! How'd you sleep last night?

Unfortunately... ALONE!!

I know!! I know!!!

Tacky, did you forget? You're supposed to be a homosexual!

Do you believe this role, folks? You've heard of "Queen For A Day"? Meet "Queen For A Whole SERIES"!!

C'mon, Crassy! You know I'm not really gay! That's just a play the writers dreamed up so that there'd be oodles of plot possibilities!

OODLES?!

Are you SURE you're not gay!

Listen, I'm a normal guy with normal urges! So—c'mon! Let's make out...!

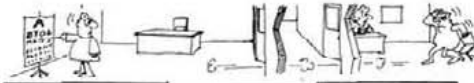
We can't! We have a pact!! As long as you're living here, there can't be any SEX between us!

PACT?! I don't remember making a pact with you!!

The pact is with ABC!!







There! Now everything is in ... *giggle! giggle!* top shape!

Mainly, with this low cut top of MINE ... you can sure see MY shape!

And there she is, forcing a line of dialogue—revealing all the comedy timing of the Bay Of Pigs Invasion!!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Quick! Hide in the closet! It's our LANDLORD!

Landlord?! But, that scene is supposed to be played with a jealous Husband!

Not on this TV Network! So go hide ... and then "come out of the closet"! It's time to pretend you're a Homosexual!

Oh, no! Not again! Why must I go through this ridiculous CHARADE every week?

Let me put it this way: If you DIDN'T ... this show would be as controversial as "Archie, Betty and Veronica"!

Mr. Doper ... why do you keep barging in here every night and bugging us?!

Because we want to know exactly what's going on with you three?!!

... And would you like to make it FOUR?!

Well, you can rest easy, Mr. Doper! Nothing kinky or degenerate—like NORMAL SEX—is going on in this apartment!

Nor, incidentally, in MY apartment!!

That's a relief! I'd hate to spoil the building's good name!

GOOD NAME?!! Right now, it's listed in the phone directory as "The Limp Wrist Arms"!

TADA!

Level with me, Tacky! Are you REALLY a homosexual ... or are you pulling my leg?

If I DID pull your leg, it'd kind of settle the question, wouldn't it?!

Why would two nice girls like you want to live with a degenerate queer taggot like him?!

Because we like him! He's good company! And besides, there are practical reasons! He helps share the rent, and he's handy around the house! He changes light bulbs and fixes toasters!

Hmmmm! Probably AC-DC!!

And he's a fantastic gourmet cook! He whips up absolutely delicious breakfast dishes!!

I'll bet! Like ... **FRUIT LOOPS!**

No! He really IS a great cook! He serves us meals fit for a king!

Sure ... prepared by a QUEEN!!



WHAT DOES A COLLEGE EDUCATION PROMISE TO GIVE MANY OF TODAY'S STUDENTS?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
MAD FOLD-IN

No one can predict what the future holds for today's college students, but if things keep going the way they're going, then there's one sure thing many of them will get! To find out what it is, fold in page as shown on the right.

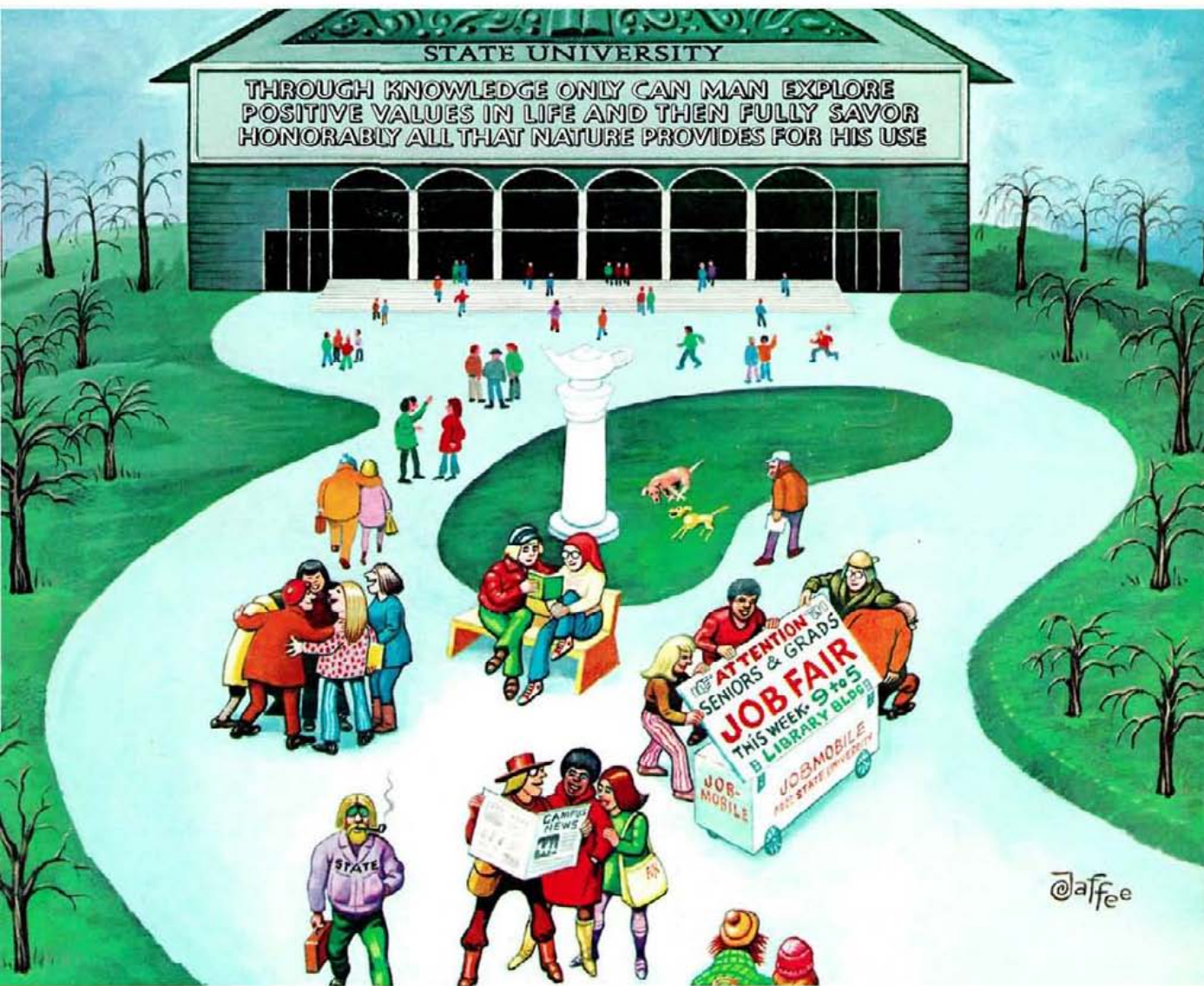


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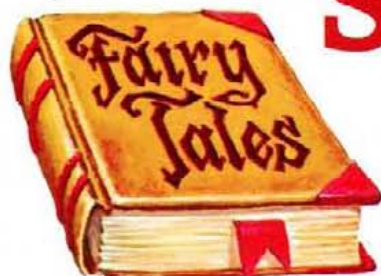
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ARTIST & WRITER:
AL JAFFEE

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SCENES WE'D LIKE TO SEE

(THE FROG PRINCE)



ARTIST : DON MARTIN

WRITER : DON EDWING